

I have procured, and I have in my possession, evidence of the most positive character that this Mrs. Shepherd has been a woman of the most depraved character, and that her depravity is not a matter of merely ancient history. It will be seen from the extracts from her history, which are given in this little pamphlet, that so recently as 1831 she was living with a man named Riordan as his wife, after she had separated from her supposed husband, Asa B. Shepherd. This Riordan, from England, was engaged with Mrs. Shepherd in her work of lecturing against Catholics in Chicago, and frequently assisted her at her lectures. He passed himself off as an ex-priest. Soon after this she was the cause of getting a Methodist minister, the Rev. O. E. Murray, pastor of Wabash avenue Methodist Church, Chicago, into trouble in consequence of improper intimacies with him. This will be seen in the extracts given below from The Western British American of Chicago, and The Boston Herald, both Protestant papers.

Mrs. Shepherd is also a notorious liar. This is proved by the fact that she represented herself as having been a nun until the discovery was made that she had never been a member of any religious order. She had been in several prisons in London, England, under various aliases, and had been received as a penitent in the convent of the Good Shepherd, at Arnos Vale, Bristol, England. These facts will be found attested in several of the letters which will be found in this pamphlet in reference to Mrs. Shepherd's career, especially in those written by the Protestant Chaplain of Millbank, the Sister in charge of the House of the Good Shepherd at Bristol, and Florence E. Booth of the Salvation Army.

The last named lady says:—

"She has never been a nun. She was taken as a prostitute into the Roman Catholic penitentiary at Bristol, from which place she ran away, and on request was returned to us by our Bristol Branch, and remained in lodgings provided by us until she left England, as before stated."

I am well aware that such falsehoods as people of Mrs. Shepherd's class are accustomed to promulgate are usually short-lived. Intelligent Protestants readily see that a person of her degraded character is utterly unworthy of credit, and I may here say at once that her books and her anti-Catholic lectures are a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end. Yet, I find that there are people who give credence to her and encourage her to continue her vile course of indecency and calumny. It is not only for the sake of Catholics, but for the good of Protestants as well, that I think it necessary to expose Mrs. Shepherd's vileness.

Later on I will show, even from Mrs. Shepherd's own words, that our convents are institutions wherein the highest and noblest virtues are cultivated and flourish. The calumnies she makes